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EXPANSION OF SOVIET-BLOC RAILROADS;
BROAD-GAUGE CONNECTIONS WITH SATELLITES

PUSH BROAD-GAUGE TRACKS WEST -- Darmstadt, Wehrwissenschaftliche Rundschau, Aug 52

The expansion of the transportation system in the Soviet orbit is making further progress.

At present, the Moscow-Warsaw Berlin Autobahn is being improved.

To an increasing extent, broad-gauge tracks are being pushed westward from the USSR. One broad gauge line runs from L'vov via Przemyśl-Krakow to Katowice. There it branches off, the northern branch going toward Czestochowa and the other serving to establish connection with Czechoslovakia via Ostrava and further on with Breclav at the Austrian border.

Another broad-gauge line, starting at L'vov, crosses the Carpathian Mountains at the Uzok Pass and is completed up to Uzhgorod in the Carpatho-Ukraine. Its final destination is probably the great Slovakian Huko, iron and steel combine east of Kosice.

Another broad-gauge line running through the Carpathians is to connect Przemyśl with Tokaj in northern Hungary.

A third broad-gauge line built across the Carpathians into the Danube area connects Chernovtsy with Sighet in northern Rumania.

Another broad-gauge line runs from Chernovtsy southeastward to Rumania. It runs along the eastern slope of the Carpathians via Ploesti and Bucharest to Constanta on the Black Sea. It is connected with the broad-gauge network which begins at 'Tiraspol' on the Dneestr River near Odessa and covers the entire east-Rumanian area.

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In the Far East, construction is under way on a railroad connection between the USSR and China. The line will run from Ayaguz (former Sergiopol) on the Turk-Sib railroad system via Chuguchak at the Sino-Soviet border, Urumchi (Capital of Sinkiang), and Hami to Lan-chou. Thus it follows the old caravan road over which China was supplied with Soviet war material in 1937 - 1939.

PLACE MISKOLC MARSHALLING YARD IN OPERATION -- Budapest, Nepszava, 2 Aug 52

The new modern marshalling yard at Miskolc was placed in operation on 1 August 1952. The marshalling yard includes a hump.

POLISH RAILROAD BRIDGE TO BE RECONSTRUCTED -- Bonn, Der Informationsdienst, 8 Nov 52

The big railroad bridge at Tczew (formerly Dirschau), Poland, which had been destroyed, is being reconstructed and widened at the request of the Soviets. Tczew is being developed as a great railroad hub again.

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